Allocations to States for MIS

2781. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the allocation of funds to different States for procurement of various agricultural products under Market Intervention Scheme (MIS), since 1998-99;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has to settle huge amount of expenditure incurred by the Karnataka Government during procurement operations; and

(c) if so, the details of the amount pending with the Ministry since 1997-98, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) No State-wise allocation of funds is made for Market Intervention Scheme (MIS). Specific proposals received from States are considered and implemented.

(b) and (c) The Market Intervention Scheme for procurement of Onions & Potatoes was implemented during 1997-98. These accounts have not been settled as the State designated agency Horticultural Producers' Cooperative Marketing & Processing Society Ltd. (HOPCOMS) did not furnish the accounts in accordance with the terms of the approval of the scheme. The State Government of Karnataka had been requested to furnish the revised accounts of Onion and Potato strictly in accordance with the terms of approved scheme which is still awaited.

Market Intervention Scheme for procurement of oilpalm during 2000 and 2001 seasons was also implemented in Karnataka. The accounts of 2000 season were received as per the terms of the sanction and the same have been settled. The accounts of oilpalm of 2001 season have not been received so far from the Government of Karnataka for settlement.

No other claims are pending for the period under reference.